

PUBLIC NOTICE

of Engineers ⊛ New England District

696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742-2751 Date: June 9, 2009

Comment Period Ends: July 10, 2009 File Number: NAE-2009-00144 In Reply Refer To: Crystal Gardner

Or by e-mail: crystal.i.gardner @usace.army.mil

The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to conduct work in waters of the United States as described below.

APPLICANT

Kathleen K. Megna

ACTIVITY

The work includes work in navigable waters for the construction and maintenance of three 6' x 12' floats, six 4' x 10' floats, two 4'x 9' floats, a 4' x 45' wood & steel fixed pier and a 4' x 32' gangway. The purpose for this work is to provide a boating facility to serve the residence of Kathy's Way subdivision. The work is shown on the enclosed plans entitled "PLANS ACCOMPANYING PETITION OF MS. KATHLEEN K. MEGNA FOR LICENSE TO CONSTRUCT A DOCK, 4 KATHY'S WAY (BRISTOL COUNTY) BERKLEY, MA02779" on sheets 1, 3, & 4 and dated "DECEMBER 23, 2008." And last revised "FEBRUARY 27, 2009."

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in Mattapoisett Harbor at 4 Kathy's Way, Berkley, Massachusetts. The proposed location is on the USGS Taunton quadrangle sheet at Latitude N 41.7888534 and Longitude 71.105778.

AUTHORITY

Pern	nits are required pursuant to:
$XX_{}$	Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
	Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
	_Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act)

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

This project will impact 0.02 acres of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). This habitat consists of haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) (larvae only), red hake (Urophycis chuss) (larvae, juevenile & adult stages), winter flounder (Pleuronectes americanus) (all stages), windowpane flounder (Scopthalmus aquosus) (all stage), American plaice (Hippoglossoides platessoides) (larvae, juvenile & adult stages), atlantic sea herring (Clupea harengus) (larvae juvenile & adults), bluefish (Pomatomus saltatrix) (juveniles and adults), Atlantic mackerel (Scomber scombrus) (all stages), summer flounder (Paralicthys dentatus) (larvae, juvenile & adult stages), scup (Stenotomus chrysops) (all stages), black sea bass (Centropristus striata) (juvenile & adult stages), king mackerel (Scomberomorus cavalla) (allstages), spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus maculates) (all stages) and cobia (Rachycentron canadum) (all stages). Loss of this habitat may adversely affect some of the above mentioned species. However, the District Engineer has made a preliminary determination that the site-specific adverse effect will not be substantial. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to the final decision.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work.
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.

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- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

The States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have approved **Coastal Zone Management Programs**. Where applicable the applicant states that any proposed activity will comply with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the approved Coastal Zone Management Program. By this Public Notice, we are requesting the State concurrence or objection to the applicant's consistency statement.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

(X X) Permit, License or Assent from State.

(XX) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.

() Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Gardner at (978) 318-8332, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

For more information on the New England District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at http://www.nae.usace.army.mil.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

Karen Kirk Adams

Chief, Permits and Enforcement Branch

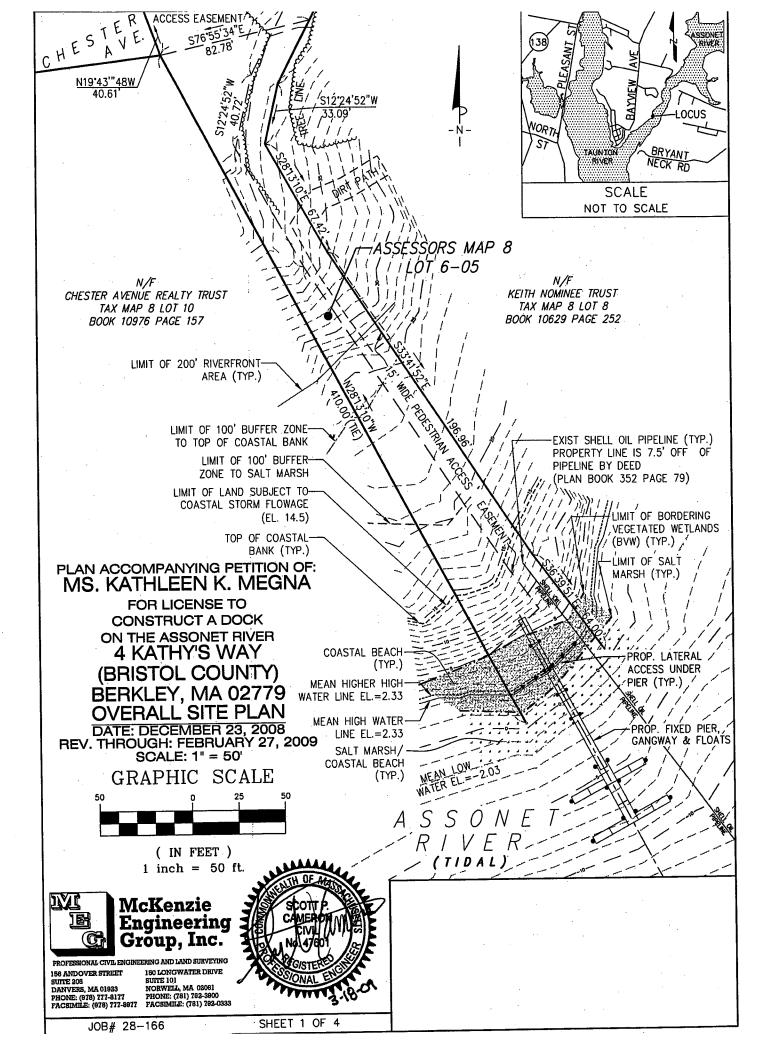
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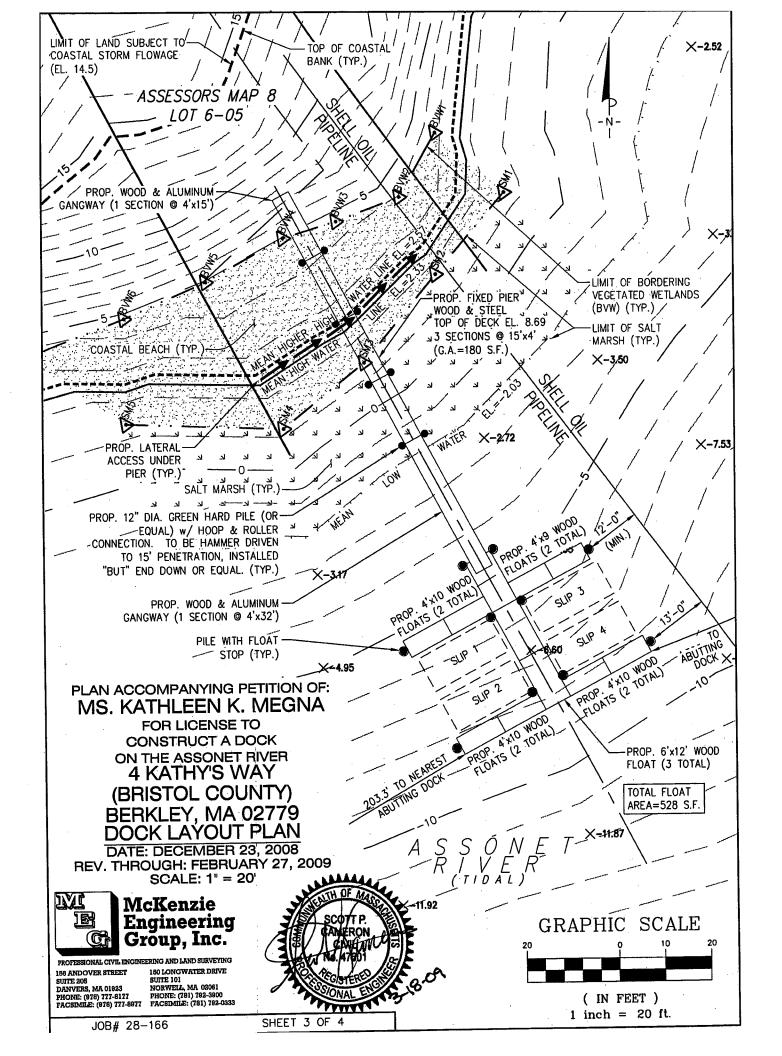
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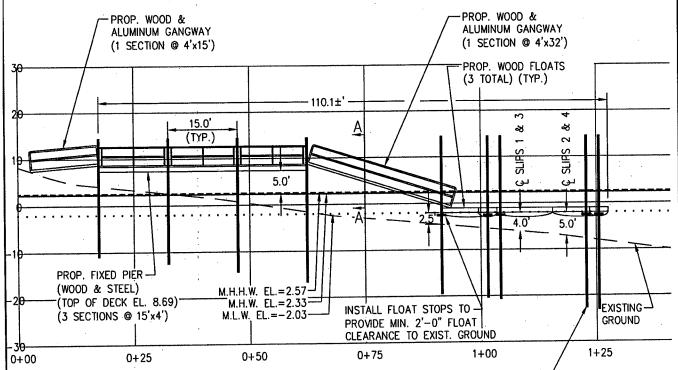
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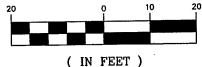




TOTAL DISPLACEMENT VOLUME BETWEEN MHW & MLW = 2.02 CY



GRAPHIC SCALE



1 inch = 20 ft.

PLAN ACCOMPANYING PETITION OF: MS. KATHLEEN K. MEGNA

FOR LICENSE TO CONSTRUCT A DOCK ON THE ASSONET RIVER 4 KATHY'S WAY (BRISTOL COUNTY) BERKLEY, MA 02779 **DOCK PROFILE**

DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2008 REV. THROUGH: FEBRUARY 27, 2009 SCALE: 1" = 20'



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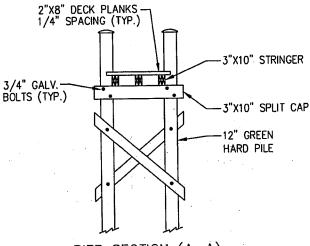
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160 LONGWATER DRIVE



PROP. 12" DIA. GREEN HARD -PILE (OR EQUAL) w/ HOOP & ROLLER CONNECTION. TO BE HAMMER DRIVEN TO 15' PENETRATION, INSTALLED "BUT" END DOWN OR EQUAL (TYP.)



PIER SECTION (A-A)

NOTE

PIER SECTION ILLUSTRATED FOR DEMONSTRATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. FINAL DESIGN OF PIER COMPONENTS SHALL BE SPECIFIED BY STRUCTURAL ENGINEER BASED ON ACTUAL FIELD CONDITIONS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.